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Docket No.: BRAUN-9

In re Application of:)
MATTHIAS BRAUN & ROLF VOLLMER)
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Int. Filing Date: April 7, 2004)
For: OPTICAL SENSOR FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINES)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the instant specification, in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP2004/003738 and in a German Office Action issued by the German Patent Office with regard to the corresponding German patent application No. 103 17 591.1, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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With respect to German Offenlegungsschrift DE 35 42 542, an English-language Abstract is enclosed.

Publication Hans B. Kief; NC/CNC Manual 95/96, Carl Hanser Verlag relates to distance measuring systems for NC machines, having various connections and electronic evaluation assemblies. Further processing in the CNC is digital.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

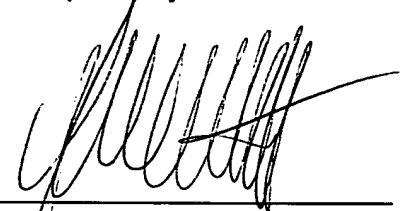
Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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